

Achieving a Better Life Experience (“ABLE”) Act Board

Request for Proposals No. ABLE 06-16 529A Investment Consulting Services Notice to Prospective Bidders

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You are invited to review and respond to this Request for Proposals No. ABLE 06-16 (“RFP”) for 529A investment consulting services.

In submitting your proposal, you must comply with all instructions in the RFP. The RFP includes the Sample Standard Agreement the winning bidder will be expected to execute. Note that all agreements entered into with the State of California will include by reference General Terms and Conditions and Contractor Certification Clauses that may be viewed and downloaded online at <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/ols/Resources/StandardContractLanguage.aspx>. The General Terms and Conditions are not negotiable. If you do not have Internet access, a hard copy of the RFP can be provided upon request by contacting the person listed below.

All responses to this RFP must be submitted in hard copy and received by the Board no later than **4pm Pacific Time on March 6, 2017**. Email or faxed submissions will not be accepted. All proposals must be mailed or delivered to:

ABLE Act Board
915 Capitol Mall, Room 101
Sacramento, California 95814
Attention: Christina Elliott, Executive Director

In the opinion of the ABLE Act Board, this RFP is complete and without need of explanation. However, if you have questions, or should you need any clarifying information, contact Christina Elliott, Executive Director, by email at Christina.Elliott@treasurer.ca.gov. Please also see Section C.2 of this RFP regarding Questions and Answers.

Please note that no *verbal* information given will be binding upon the State unless such information is issued in writing as an official addendum.

The State of California will not contract or otherwise do business - absent a compelling public interest - with publicly-held U.S. expatriate corporations. This policy is designed to ensure that companies with which the State of California does business meet threshold standards of corporate accountability.

PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE RFP AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS

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A) Purpose and Description of Services – Scope of Work

Scope Overview

The Achieving a Better Life Experience Act Board (“ABLE Act Board”, “Board”, or the “State”) is the administrator of California’s 529A Qualified ABLE Program as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code section 4875(k) (“ABLE Program” or “Program”), and the State agency responsible for the effective and efficient administration of the California ABLE Program Trust (“Trust”).

A qualified investment consultant is needed to assist the Board in its role as fiduciaries to the Trust. The investment consultant would assist the Board with (i) creating the statement of investment policy and monitoring criteria for the Trust, (ii) evaluating program manager and investment manager proposals, and (iii) monitoring the investment performance of the program manager(s). More information about the ABLE Act can be found online at www.treasurer.ca.gov/able. The Board anticipates the Program will be launched in the third quarter of 2017.

The term of the agreement entered into pursuant to this RFP, if any, will be one year with an option, at the Board’s sole discretion, to extend the agreement for up to one year at the same rate(s).

Background

The California Legislature authorized creation of the Board, Program, and Trust in 2015 (Welfare and Institutions Code section 4875 et seq. (“Act”)), intending it to be a qualified ABLE program as defined in Section 529A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (“IRC”). The Act authorizes Trust investments for a beneficiary’s savings for qualified disability expenses. The Board was established to administer the State’s qualified ABLE program.

The Board is the State entity responsible for effective and efficient administration of the Trust. The seven-member Board expects to meet monthly. Meetings are held in accordance with the California Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and will generally be held in Sacramento, California at the State Treasurer’s Office, 915 Capitol Mall, but may be held at other locations.

Scope of Work

The following scope of work details the Board’s expectations for an investment consultant. These investment consultant services include the following:

- Under the direction of the Board or its designee, analyze and evaluate asset allocation plans for the Trust based on the expected use of accounts by eligible beneficiaries as well as risk reduction.
- Create and regularly review an investment policy statement and monitoring procedures.
- Participate in the development of the program administrator and investment manager (“program manager”) request for proposals, and assist the Board with evaluation of the proposals. The Board expects to issue the program manager request for proposals in late February 2017, with a contract term start date of May 2017.
- Advise the Board or its designee on which data should be reported quarterly by the program and/or investment manager(s).
- Review and analyze the investment performance of the program and/or investment manager(s) of the Trust using criteria adopted by the Board. Periodically, there may be additional

evaluations comparing Program investment performance and fees to the performance of national and/or other state 529A plans.

- Conduct monthly monitoring and provide quarterly evaluations of the Trust that compare monthly investment results to appropriate indices and Board policies, including compliance by the program manager(s) to these policies, and provide evaluations to the Board or its designee within 10 business days of receiving the data from the program manager(s).
- Provide assistance to the Board in understanding various investment vehicles and the investment market generally. This may include providing training seminars to the Board and its staff, as necessary, on rates of return, investment products, strategies or other fundamental concepts of investing.
- Inform the Board or its designee in the event of significant changes in the investment climate or market conditions that could affect Trust investments.
- Provide general advice, counsel, and recommendations on a variety of investment related matters regarding the Trust including investment personnel, investment strategy, investment portfolio addition or division, as well as overall investment health of the program and/or investment manager(s), other 529A vendors, and 529A industry issues and trends.
- Work with the Board's consultants and program and/or investment manager(s) as needed.
- Attend or otherwise participate in all Board meetings unless notified otherwise by the Board. It is anticipated that the Board will meet approximately once every month.
- Be available to consult with Board members and the Executive Director from 8am to 5pm Pacific Time, Monday through Friday.
- Respond to the need for telephone consultation within a 24-hour period and be available for meetings with the Board with no greater than 10 days' notice.

B) Minimum Qualifications for Bidders

Bidder must complete Attachment 5 certifying that the Bidder meets the following minimum qualifications:

- Bidder must have been actively providing advice on investment options for at least the last five years. Investment expertise must include knowledge and experience in a wide range of investment vehicles.
- Bidder must have been providing consultation to or on behalf of individuals or governmental agencies that have been investing funds totaling at least \$1 billion.
- Bidder must agree in writing to serve as fiduciary with respect to its work.
- Bidder may not during the term of a contract that may be executed pursuant to this RFP have a contractual or other business relationship with any program management services contractor that provides services for the Trust or any investment manager directing funds in the Program portfolio, either on its own or in partnership, with other entities. Ownership of an ABLE account does not constitute a business relationship for the purposes of this minimum qualification
- Must be qualified to do business in the State of California. If awarded the contract, Bidder must be able to provide, at the State's request, evidence of qualification to do business in the State of California from the California Secretary of State. If awarded the contract, Bidder must

also be able to provide, at the State's request, evidence of qualification to do business in the State of California from the California Secretary of State for any subcontractor identified as personnel under "Qualifications and Experience", Section D.

- Bidder must hold and maintain all licenses and registrations required by applicable federal and state laws for businesses offering investment and municipal advisory services. All such licenses and registrations must be current and in good standing.

C) Proposal Requirements and Information

1) Schedule (Key Action Dates)

All Bidders are hereby advised of the following schedule and will be expected to adhere to the required dates and times (all times listed are Pacific Time (PT)).

Date	Action
February 8, 2017	RFP available to Prospective Bidders
February 16, 2017 – 2pm PT	Deadline to Submit any Written Questions
February 22, 2017	Answers to Written Questions
March 6, 2017 – 4pm PT	Deadline to Submit Proposals
March 13, 2017	Notice of Intent to Award Contract
March 20, 2017	Proposed Contract Award Date
April 3, 2017	Proposed Contract Start Date (pending DGS approval)

The Board reserves the right to change the above dates and times, and, if so, an addendum will be issued, available online at www.treasurer.ca.gov/ABLE, and potential Bidders that submit contact information in accordance with Section C.3.n of this RFP will be notified via email. The Board also reserves the right not to award an agreement at all.

2) Questions and Answers

In the opinion of the Board, this RFP is complete and needs no further explanation. However, if you have questions, or should you need any clarifying information, you may submit written questions no later than 2pm PT on Thursday, February 16, 2017 by email to Christina.Elliott@treasurer.ca.gov or by fax to (916) 589-2860.

Answers to all written questions received by 2pm PT on Thursday, February 16, 2017 will be available online at www.treasurer.ca.gov/able by close of business on Wednesday, February 22, 2017.

3) Submission of Proposal

- a) Proposals should provide straightforward and concise descriptions of the Bidder's ability to satisfy the requirements of this RFP. The proposal must be complete and accurate. Omissions, inaccuracies, or misstatements may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

b) In preparing proposals, Bidders must:

- **Include a cover letter with the following information:**
- The name, address, email, phone and fax numbers of the principal contact responsible for the oversight of the agreement. Indicate the availability of this person for meetings with the Board.

- The name, address, email, phone and fax numbers of the project representative who will be available to the Board on a day-to-day basis during the term of the agreement.
 - The name, address, email, phone, fax number and name of a key contact at each partner, if a consortium, and subcontractor and what the aforementioned would be responsible for under the agreement.
- c) All proposals must be submitted in hard copy under sealed cover and received by the Board by 4pm PT on Monday, March 6, 2017, unless the Board provides notice that the date has been changed. **Proposals received after this date and time will not be considered.** Proposals received by fax or email will be rejected.
- d) One (1) original and five (5) copies of the proposal must be mailed or delivered to the following address:

**ABLE Act Board
Attention: Christina Elliott, Executive Director
915 Capitol Mall, Room 101
Sacramento, California 95814**

- e) The original proposal must be marked "**ORIGINAL COPY**". All documents contained in the original proposal package must have **original signatures** and must be signed by a person who is authorized to bind the proposing firm. All additional proposal sets may contain photocopies of the original package.
- f) The proposal envelopes must be plainly marked with the RFP number and title, your firm name and address, and must be marked with "**DO NOT OPEN**", as shown in the following example:

**Request for Proposals No. ABLE 06-16
529A Investment Consulting Services
Firm Name
Firm Address
Contact Person and Phone Number
"DO NOT OPEN"**

If the proposal is made under a fictitious name or business title, the actual legal name of Bidder must be provided.

Proposals not submitted under sealed cover and marked as indicated may be rejected.

- g) Proposals that omit the Minimum Qualifications Certification that is included in Attachment 5 of Section H will not be considered. Proposals shall include each of the Attachments (if applicable) on the Required Attachment Check List in Section H. Proposals that do not comply with the requirements of the RFP shall be deemed non-responsive. A non-responsive proposal is one that does not meet the basic proposal requirements and will be rejected.
- h) Proposals must be submitted for the performance of all the services described herein. Any deviation from the work specifications will not be considered and will cause a proposal to be rejected.
- i) A proposal may be rejected if it is conditional or incomplete, or if it contains any alterations of form or other irregularities of any kind. The Board may reject any or all proposals and may waive an immaterial deviation in a proposal. The Board's waiver of an immaterial

deviation shall in no way modify the RFP document or excuse the Bidder from full compliance with all requirements if awarded the agreement.

- j) The Bidder is entirely responsible for the costs of developing proposals and costs incurred in anticipation of award of the agreement. Such costs shall not be charged to the Board.
- k) An individual who is authorized to bind the proposing firm contractually shall sign Required Attachment 2, Proposal/Proposer Certification Sheet. The signature must indicate the title or position that the individual holds in the firm. An unsigned proposal may be rejected.
- l) A Bidder may modify a proposal after its submission by withdrawing its original proposal and resubmitting a new proposal prior to the proposal submission deadline as set forth in the Schedule (Key Action Dates) in Section C.1. The submission of a new proposal must comply with the requirements of this section. Proposal modifications offered in any other manner, oral or written, will not be considered.
- m) A Bidder may withdraw its proposal by submitting a written withdrawal request to the Board, signed by the Bidder or an authorized agent in accordance with Section C.3.I. A Bidder may thereafter submit a new proposal prior to the proposal submission deadline. Proposals may not be withdrawn without cause subsequent to the proposal submission deadline.
- n) The Board may modify this RFP prior to the date fixed for submission of proposals by the issuance of an addendum to all interested Bidders providing contact information, including an email address and phone number. The contact information should be provided to Christina Elliott at Christina.Elliott@treasurer.ca.gov by February 22, 2017, when the Board will provide answers to any questions submitted in accordance with Section C.2. of this RFP. The Board will also provide updates by email to all Bidders who have expressed interest and provided contact information.
- o) Upon announcement and release of this RFP and until selection of the winning Bidder (notice of intent to award the agreement), Bidders (or potential Bidders) are not permitted to communicate with the Board, its staff or its consultants with respect to the RFP except in connection with process and procedures related to the RFP. Any communication must be directed to Christina Elliott at Christina.Elliott@treasurer.ca.gov.
- p) The Board reserves the right to reject all proposals. The Board is not required to award an agreement.
- q) Before submitting a proposal, Bidders should carefully review the proposal, correct all errors and confirm compliance with the RFP requirements.
- r) Where applicable, Bidder should carefully examine work sites and specifications. No additions or increases to the agreement amount will be made due to a lack of careful examination of work sites and specifications.
- s) More than one proposal from any firm, organization, partnership, corporation or association under the same or different names, will not be considered. Reasonable grounds for believing that any Bidder has submitted more than one proposal for the work contemplated herein will cause the rejection of all proposals submitted by that Bidder. If there is reason for believing that collusion exists among the Bidders, none of the participants in such collusion will be considered in this or future procurements.
- t) No oral understanding or agreement shall be binding on either party.

4) Evaluation Process

- a) All proposals will be reviewed by an evaluation committee. The initial review of the proposals will confirm that all information has been submitted in conformity with the requirements of this RFP. The absence of required information will cause a proposal to be deemed nonresponsive and may result in the proposal's disqualification. Responsive proposals will then be scored according to criteria herein. The scored categories and the corresponding weighting of each scored category is as follows:

Scored Category	Weighting
Bidder's Background and Personnel Information	30 points
Experience in Investment Consulting	40 points
Cost	30 points
Total Possible Points	100 points

- b) The following point scale will be used to score the responses to each scored category except with regard to costs.

Percent of Maximum Score Allotted to Particular Weighted Criterion

100% - Excellent response backed by demonstrated ability.

85%- Good response backed by demonstrated ability.

75%- Fair response backed by demonstrated ability.

60%- Poor response.

0% - Bidder does not demonstrate ability.

- c) Proposals that contain false or misleading statements, or that provide references which do not support an attribute or condition claimed by the Bidder, may be rejected. If, in the opinion of the Board, such information was intended to mislead the Board in its evaluation of the proposal, and the attribute, condition, or capability is a requirement of this RFP, it will be the basis for rejection of the proposal.
- d) The contract will be awarded to the responsible and responsive Bidder with the highest total score.
- e) The Board is not required to award an Agreement.

5) Award and Protest

- a) Notice of the proposed award shall be posted in a public place at the Office of the Board, 915 Capitol Mall, Room 101, Sacramento, CA 95814 and online at www.treasurer.ca.gov/able for five (5) working days prior to awarding the agreement.
- b) If any Bidder, prior to the award of the agreement, files a protest with the Board and the DGS Office of Legal Services, 707 Third Street, 7th Floor, Suite 7-330, West Sacramento, CA 95605, on the grounds provided under Public Contract Code Section 10345(b), the agreement shall not be awarded until either the protest has been withdrawn or DGS has decided the matter. It is suggested that any protest be submitted by certified or registered mail.
- c) Within five (5) days after filing the initial protest, the protesting Bidder shall file with the Board and the DGS Office of Legal Services a detailed written statement specifying the grounds for the protest. It is suggested that this detailed written statement be submitted by certified or registered mail.

6) Disposition of Proposals

- a) Upon proposal opening, all documents submitted in response to this RFP will become the property of the Board and the State, and will be regarded as public records under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.) and subject to review by the public.
- b) Proposal packages may be returned only at the Bidder's expense, unless such expense is waived by the Board.

7) Agreement Execution and Performance

- a) Performance shall start on the agreement start date, or on the express date set by the Board and the Contractor, after all approvals have been obtained and the agreement is fully executed. If the Contractor fails to commence work at the agreed upon time, the Board, upon five (5) days written notice to the Contractor, reserves the right to terminate the agreement. In addition, the Contractor shall be liable to the State for the difference between Contractor's proposal price and the actual cost of performing work by another contractor.
- b) All performance under the agreement shall be completed on or before the termination date of the agreement.
- c) The Sample Standard Agreement contains the language that the Board expects to utilize for this engagement. The term of the agreement entered into pursuant to this RFP, if any, will be one year with an option, at the Board's sole discretion, to extend the agreement for up to one year at the same rate(s). The agreement may require approval by the Department of General Services ("DGS"). In no event shall services be performed prior to approval by the DGS Office of Legal Services, if required

D) Qualifications and Experience

Questions in this Section D are intended to demonstrate the Bidder's qualifications. Points will be awarded for the Bidder's response(s) to each question. The allocation of points is defined in Section C.4 of this RFP entitled "Evaluation Process." Questions should be answered for each relevant partner or subcontractor to the extent applicable if a Bidder is a consortium or is using subcontractors. In preparing proposals, the Bidder must list each question and then provide the Bidder's response to that question in the same order listed in this RFP.

1) Bidder's Background and Personnel Information (Maximum of thirty (30) points)

- a) Provide an overview of the Bidder's firm including mission statement and vision statement, number of years' experience providing investment consulting, and what services Bidder's firm will bring to this contract.
- b) Describe the organizational structure and explain how this structure will be used to perform the requirements of this contract. Explain the advantages of this structure.
- c) Complete the following table for all professionals who will be responsible for providing the investment consulting activities to be performed pursuant to this contract, including subcontractors.

Name & Location	Title & Responsibility	Total Years' Experience	Years with Firm

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- d) Provide professional resumes of each of the individuals included in the chart immediately above.
- e) Indicate who will have ultimate responsibility for this contract. Indicate the availability of this person for live or telephone meetings with the Board or its designee. Describe the Bidder's backup procedures if the primary person assigned to this account leaves the firm, or is otherwise unavailable. How many other client relationships will each individual have?

2) Experience in Investment Consulting (Maximum of forty (40) points)

- a) Describe Bidder's experience in advising boards on formulating and reviewing investment policies and in interpreting investment data. Include the names of the boards, the number of years that the Bidder has provided such service, the number of agencies or boards to which Bidder is currently providing investment advice and the approximate dollar value of the portfolios for which consultative services are provided.
- b) Describe in detail what data, information, and advice the Bidder proposes to provide to the Board in formulating its investment policies and analyzing and interpreting the investment performance of the program and/or investment manager(s). Describe the Bidder's methodology used for measuring risk.
- c) Describe how benchmarks are chosen or developed and how the manager's performance is compared to similar portfolios. Indicate whether your firm has ever developed benchmarks and, if so, provide a description of the benchmarks developed.
- d) Discuss any changes/material refinements in Bidder's advisement philosophy which have occurred within the past three years. What prompted the changes/refinements?
- e) Describe the Bidder's experience with the use of mathematical, computer, or other models in evaluating both investment performance and risk. Provide a sample of at least one such modeling report demonstrating thoroughness and understandability by Bidder's staff.
- f) Provide a list of the investment selection models and investment evaluation models that Bidder uses on a regular basis.
- g) Describe the Bidder's understanding of the objectives of the ABLE Program. How does this understanding affect your views on the investment options that should be offered? What special expertise does the Bidder bring to advising the Board?
- h) List any consulting accounts lost within the past three years and note the reason for the account lost.
- i) Provide the name, address, telephone number, contact name and title for five (5) firms to serve as references for Bidder, using format in Attachment 4. Provide three (3) references for any subcontractors you plan to use. These references should include governmental agencies, preferably State of California agencies or agencies located in California, which are charged with overseeing the investment of funds held in trust for others. Identify the individuals at Bidder's firm who were responsible for providing investment consultation to these agencies. Submission of Attachment 4 is mandatory. Proposals that fail to submit Attachment 4 shall be considered nonresponsive and rejected.

3) Cost Proposal (Maximum of thirty (30) points)

Use Attachment 3 (Cost Proposal) as a guide in completing your cost proposal. **The Board expects the total amount of the contract not to exceed \$150,000 for the one-year contract.** Review this section and the calculations in your Cost Proposal carefully. Mathematical errors may be corrected by the Board. **Do not make any modifications to the Cost Proposal form, including the 200 total annual hours and the \$10,000 total annual travel costs.** The cost proposal shall:

- Follow the template outlined in Attachment 3 – Cost Proposal
- **Assume a total of 200 hours of staff work (including subcontractor staff work) per year.** Estimate the number of hours out of the 200 each level of staff who will be assigned to the contract will work. Note that the total number of hours for identified staff must equal 200 per year.
- Identify and include an hourly rate for each level of staff who will be assigned to work on the services outlined in this RFP. The hourly rates identified will be utilized in the contract awarded to the winning bidder for reimbursement for services performed. **All-inclusive flat fees and/or retainer fees will not be accepted for consideration.**
- **Travel costs are capped at \$10,000 per year. This amount may not be modified.** The rates for travel costs shall be set in accordance with the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) rates for comparable classes and no travel outside the State of California shall be reimbursed unless prior written authorization is obtained from the Board.

Proposals submitted with a cost proposal that fails to meet any of the specified requirements outlined above, or in a form other than as provided for in Attachment 3, will be considered non-responsive and rejected.

The following formula shall be used for the award of cost points:

Lowest cost proposal, based on the estimated Total Cost for Three Year Contract Term (two years and potential one-year extension) from Attachment 3, is awarded the maximum cost points. Other proposals are awarded cost points based on the following calculation:

$$(\text{Lowest Bidder's cost proposal} / \text{Other Bidder's cost proposal}) = (\text{factor})$$

$$\text{Cost points for other Bidder} = (\text{factor}) \times \text{maximum cost points}$$

EXAMPLE: A maximum of 30 points is available.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Lowest Bidder's Cost Proposal} &= \$75,000 \\ \text{Other Bidder's Cost Proposal} &= \$100,000 \end{aligned}$$

$$(\text{Lowest Bidder's cost proposal} / \text{Other Bidder's cost proposal}) = \$75,000 / \$100,000 = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{Cost points awarded to Other Bidder} = \frac{3}{4} \times 30 \text{ maximum cost points} = 22.5 \text{ cost points}$$

E) Legal, Disciplinary, and Conflicts of Interest Disclosures

- 1) Advise if any partner, officer, investment officer, portfolio manager, research analyst, or trader of the Bidder's firm has been convicted or pleaded no contest in a case stemming from a

felony indictment. Any such conviction or plea must be disclosed and must be accompanied by a full explanation of the circumstances surrounding it.

- 2) Advise if the Bidder is or was a defendant in litigation relating to any services which it proposes to provide to the Board. Any final settlement, administrative decision, or judgment made in connection with this litigation must be disclosed and must be accompanied by a full explanation of the circumstances surrounding it.
- 3) Advise if the Bidder, any partner, related company (parent, subsidiary, sister), affiliate or joint venture, or any owner, officer, director, principal, or management level employee of the Bidder been involved in any enforcement action by the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other governmental regulatory agency or been named a defendant in litigation where there was an allegation of violation of fiduciary responsibility. If yes, explain in detail.
- 4) Disclose any other legal or disciplinary event that is material to the Board's evaluation of the Bidder or the integrity of Bidder's management or advisory personnel by either: (1) identifying the specific type of event and specifically referring to the relevant portions of the Bidder's most recent Forms MA or MA-I (and, if doing so, providing detailed information specifying where the Board may electronically access such forms), or (2) providing a writing that fully and fairly discloses the information required to be disclosed and documented under MSRB Rule G-42(b) and (c).
- 5) Advise if the Bidder has ever been terminated for cause from any contract. If the answer is yes, cite the background of the contract, reason for the termination, and what the Bidder has done to change operations or personnel to preclude the circumstances regarding the termination from re-occurring.
- 6) If not already included in your response to Section E, 1 through 4, immediately above, disclose any business relationships, which may be construed to be potential or actual conflicts of interest. The contractor will have a continuing requirement to disclose any business relationships that may be construed to be a potential or actual conflict. The disclosure must be sufficiently detailed to inform the Board of the nature, implications and potential consequences of each conflict and must include an explanation of how the Bidder addresses, or intends to manage or mitigate, each conflict.

The Board may reject a proposal due to any disclosure or conflict of interest (potential or actual) that is material in the sole opinion of the Board.

F) California Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise

The Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) participation requirement, including DVBE incentive, for this RFP have been waived.

G) Preference Programs

1) Small Business or Microbusiness Preference

(If there are any inconsistencies herein with the applicable statutes, regulations, and State Contracting Manual, the statutes, regulations, and State Contracting Manual shall supersede.)

A five percent (5%) preference will be applied to certified small businesses submitting proposals for this RFP. To obtain the preference, Proposer must either be certified as a small business and submit a copy of their certification approval letter from DGS / Office of Small Business and DVBE Services (OSDS) or submit a complete application for certification to DGS / OSDS by 5:00 pm PT on the proposal due date. However, the proposed winning Proposer must be a certified small business at the time of contract award. The 5%

preference is used only for computation purposes to determine the winning Proposer and does not alter the amounts of the resulting contract.

Once each proposal has been scored, if the highest scored proposal is from a non-certified small business, then 5% of the highest scoring proposal is added to the total "earned" points for each proposal submitted by a certified small business. These final numbers, with the 5% included, are then used to determine the highest scoring proposal.

Questions regarding the small business certification or preference approval should be directed to the OSDS at (916) 375-4940 or can be found online at <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS.aspx>.

2) Non-Small Business Preference

(If there are any inconsistencies herein with the applicable statutes, regulations, and State Contracting Manual, the statutes, regulations, and State Contracting Manual shall supersede.)

A five percent (5%) preference is available to a non-small business claiming twenty-five percent (25%) California certified small business subcontractor participation. If claiming the non-small business subcontractor preference, the proposal must include a list of the small business(es) with which the Proposer commits to subcontract in an amount of at least 25% of the net proposal price with one or more California certified small businesses. Each listed certified small business must perform a "commercially useful function" in the performance of the contract as defined in Government Code Section 14837(d)(4).

The required list of California certified small business subcontractors must be attached to the proposal and must include the following: 1) subcontractor name, 2) address, 3) phone number, 4) a description of the work to be performed and/or products supplied, 5) and the dollar amount or percentage of the net proposal price (as specified in the solicitation) per subcontractor.

Proposers claiming the 5% preference must commit to subcontract for at least 25% of the net proposal price with one or more California certified small businesses. Completed certification applications and required support documents must be submitted to the OSDS no later than 5:00 pm PT on the proposal due date. Questions regarding certification should be directed to the OSDS at (916) 375- 4940 or can be found online at <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS.aspx>.

The preference to a non-small business firm that commits to California certified small business subcontractor participation of 25% of its net proposal price shall be 5% of the highest scoring proposal. A non-small business, which qualifies for this preference, may not take an award away from a certified small business.

3) Target Area Contract Preference Act (TACPA)

(If there are any inconsistencies herein with the applicable statutes, regulations, and State Contracting Manual, the statutes, regulations, and State Contracting Manual shall supersede.)

The TACPA preference will be granted for this procurement. Proposers wishing to take advantage of the TACPA preference will need to review the following website and submit the appropriate response with the proposal:

<http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/DisputeResolution.aspx>

Proposers wishing to take advantage of the TACPA preference are required to submit the following applications/forms:

- TACPA (Std. 830)
- Bidder's Summary of Contract Activities and Labor Hours (DGS/PD 525)
- Manufacturer Summary of Contract Activities and Labor Hours (DGS/PD 526)

H) Required Attachments

Refer to the following pages for additional Required Attachments.

ATTACHMENT 1

REQUIRED ATTACHMENT CHECK LIST

Complete this checklist to confirm the attachments. Place a check mark or "X" next to each item that you are submitting to the State. **For your proposal to be responsive, each of the following required attachments must be submitted with your proposal package.**

This checklist should be returned with your proposal package.

<u>Attachment</u>	<u>Attachment Name/Description</u>
_____ Attachment 1	Required Attachment Check List
_____ Attachment 2	Proposal/Proposer Certification Sheet
_____ Attachment 3	Cost Proposal Work Sheet
_____ Attachment 4	Bidder References
_____ Attachment 5	Minimum Qualifications Certification
_____ Attachment 6	Payee Data Record (STD. 204)
_____ Attachment 7	Contractor Certification Clauses (CCC-307)
_____ Attachment 8	Darfur Contracting Act Certification Form
_____ Attachment 9	Small Business or Microbusiness Preference (if applicable) Additional information about this preference can be found online at http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS.aspx
_____ Attachment 10	Non-Small Business Preference (if applicable) Additional information about this preference can be found online at http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS.aspx
_____ Attachment 11	Target Area Contract Preference Act (TACPA) Program (if applicable) The forms and additional information about this preference program can be found online at http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/DisputeResolution.aspx .
_____ Attachment 12	Securities and Exchange Commission Form ADV (Part 1 and Part 2) or Proof of Exemption from Registration
_____ Attachment 13	Bidder Declaration (GSPD-05-105)
_____ Attachment 14	California Civil Rights Laws Certification

ATTACHMENT 2

PROPOSAL/PROPOSER CERTIFICATION SHEET

This Proposal/Proposer Certification Sheet must be signed and returned along with all the "required attachments" as an entire package in duplicate with original signatures. The proposal must be transmitted in a sealed envelope in accordance with RFP instructions.

- A. Place all required attachments behind this certification sheet.
- B. The signature affixed hereon and dated certifies compliance with all the requirements of this proposal document. The signature below authorizes the verification of this certification.
- C. The signature below certifies to the best of your knowledge that the information provided on this document is true and complete.

An Unsigned Proposal/Proposer Certification Sheet May Be Cause For Rejection

1. Company Name	2. Telephone Number ()	2a. Fax Number ()
3. Address		
Indicate your organization type:		
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship	5. <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation
Indicate the applicable employee and/or corporation number:		
7. Federal Employee ID No. (FEIN)	8. California Corporation No.	
9. Indicate applicable license and/or certification information:		
10. Proposer's Name (Print)		11. Title
12. Signature		13. Date
14. Are you certified with the Department of General Services, Office of Small Business Certification and Resources (OSBCR) as:		
a. California Small Business Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, enter certification number: _____		
b. Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, enter your service code below: _____		
NOTE: A copy of your Certification is required to be included if either of the above items is checked "Yes".		
Date application was submitted to OSBCR, if an application is pending: _____		

Completion Instructions for Proposal/Proposer Certification Sheet

Complete the numbered items on the Proposal/Proposer Certification Sheet by following the instructions below.

Item Numbers	Instructions
1, 2, 2a, 3	Must be completed. These items are self-explanatory.
4	Check if your firm is a sole proprietorship. A sole proprietorship is a form of business in which one person owns all the assets of the business in contrast to a partnership and corporation. The sole proprietor is solely liable for all the debts of the business.
5	Check if your firm is a partnership. A partnership is a voluntary agreement between two or more competent persons to place their money, effects, labor, and skill, or some or all of them in lawful commerce or business, with the understanding that there shall be a proportional sharing of the profits and losses between them. An association of two or more persons to carry on, as co-owners, a business for profit.
6	Check if your firm is a corporation. A corporation is an artificial person or legal entity created by or under the authority of the laws of a state or nation, composed, in some rare instances, of a single person and his successors, being the incumbents of a particular office, but ordinarily consisting of an association of numerous individuals.
7	Enter your federal employee tax identification number.
8	Enter your corporation number assigned by the California Secretary of State's Office. This information is used for checking if a corporation is in good standing and qualified to conduct business in California.
9	Complete, if applicable, by indicating the type of license and/or certification that your firm possesses and that is required for the type of services being procured.
10, 11, 12, 13	Must be completed. These items are self-explanatory.
14	If certified as a California Small Business, place a check in the "yes" box, and enter your certification number on the line. If certified as a Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise, place a check in the "Yes" box and enter your service code on the line. If you are not certified to one or both, place a check in the "No" box. If your certification is pending, enter the date your application was submitted to OSBCR.

ATTACHMENT 3

COST PROPOSAL WORKSHEET

All specifications outlined in Section D.4 of the RFP shall be met or the Bidder's proposal will be considered non-responsive and rejected.

DIRECT LABOR (Staff Level/Title)	HOURS ¹	MULTIPLY	HOURLY RATE	EQUALS	TOTAL	
		X	\$	=	\$	
		X	\$	=	\$	
		X	\$	=	\$	
		X	\$	=	\$	
		X	\$	=	\$	
<i>TOTAL DIRECT LABOR</i>	200					\$ (A)
INDIRECT COSTS (OVERHEAD & FRINGE BENEFITS)			%		TOTAL	
Overhead Rate			%		\$	
Fringe Benefits			%		\$	
<i>TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS</i>						\$ (B)
TRAVEL COSTS					TOTAL	
Travel Costs					\$10,000	
<i>TOTAL TRAVEL COSTS</i>						\$ 10,000 ² (C)
DIRECT COSTS (EXCEPT LABOR)					TOTAL	
Equipment and Supplies (Itemized)					\$	
Other Direct Costs (Itemized)					\$	
<i>TOTAL DIRECT COSTS (EXCEPT LABOR AND TRAVEL)</i>						\$ (D)
<i>TOTAL ANNUAL COST ³</i>						\$

¹ Total shall be calculated assuming 200 hours of services provided by all levels of staff (includes subcontractors) per year.

² Travel costs are capped at \$10,000 per year and may not be modified.

³ Total shall be the sum of the totals for A-D. Total is the total annual cost and shall not exceed \$150,000 for the one-year contract term.

ATTACHMENT 4

BIDDER REFERENCES

Submission of this attachment is mandatory. Failure to complete and return this attachment with your proposal will cause your proposal to be rejected and deemed nonresponsive.

List below five references for services performed within the last five years, which are similar to the scope of work to be performed in this contract. If five references cannot be provided, provide an explanation on an attached sheet of paper.

REFERENCE 1			
Name of Firm			
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Contact Person		Telephone Number	
Dates of Service		Value or Cost of Service*	
Brief Description of Service Provided			

REFERENCE 2			
Name of Firm			
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Contact Person		Telephone Number	
Dates of Service		Value or Cost of Service*	
Brief Description of Service Provided			

REFERENCE 3			
Name of Firm			
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Contact Person		Telephone Number	
Dates of Service		Value or Cost of Service*	
Brief Description of Service Provided			

REFERENCE 4			
Name of Firm			
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Contact Person		Telephone Number	
Dates of Service		Value or Cost of Service*	
Brief Description of Service Provided			

REFERENCE 5

Name of Firm			
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Contact Person		Telephone Number	
Dates of Service		Value or Cost of Service*	
Brief Description of Service Provided			

SUBCONTRACTOR REFERENCES (if applicable)

List below three references for services performed by your subcontractor(s) within the last five years, which are similar to the scope of work to be performed in this contract. If three references cannot be provided, provide an explanation on an attached sheet of paper.

REFERENCE 1

Name of Firm			
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Contact Person		Telephone Number	
Dates of Service		Value or Cost of Service*	
Brief Description of Service Provided			

REFERENCE 2

Name of Firm			
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Contact Person		Telephone Number	
Dates of Service		Value or Cost of Service*	
Brief Description of Service Provided			

REFERENCE 3

Name of Firm			
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Contact Person		Telephone Number	
Dates of Service		Value or Cost of Service*	
Brief Description of Service Provided			

*Optional

ATTACHMENT 5

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS CERTIFICATION

The firm certifies that it fulfills all of the minimum qualifications outlined in Section B of Request for Proposals No. ABLE 06-16 (the "RFP"). By signing this attachment, the firm also agrees to notify the ABLE Act Board immediately upon its failure to continue to meet the minimum qualifications, if selected as the investment consultant for the Board.

On behalf of _____, I certify that said firm
(Firm Name)
complies with the Minimum Qualifications set forth in Section B of the RFP.

(Authorized Signature of Firm)

(Firm Name)

(Print Name)

(Date)

(Title)

ATTACHMENT 7

CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION CLAUSES (CCC-307)

I, the official named below, CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY that I am duly authorized to legally bind the prospective Contractor to the clause(s) listed below. This certification is made under the laws of the State of California.

<i>Contractor/Bidder Firm Name (Printed)</i>	<i>Federal ID Number</i>
<i>By (Authorized Signature)</i>	
<i>Printed Name and Title of Person Signing</i>	
<i>Date Executed</i>	<i>Executed in the County of</i>

CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION CLAUSES

1. **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:** Contractor has, unless exempted, complied with the nondiscrimination program requirements. (Gov. Code §12990 (a-f) and CCR, Title 2, Section 8103) (Not applicable to public entities.)

2. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS:** Contractor will comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 and will provide a drug-free workplace by taking the following actions:

a. Publish a statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations.

b. Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program to inform employees about:

- 1) the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- 2) the person's or organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
- 3) any available counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs; and,
- 4) penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.

c. Every employee who works on the proposed Agreement will:

- 1) receive a copy of the company's drug-free workplace policy statement; and,
- 2) agree to abide by the terms of the company's statement as a condition of employment on the Agreement.

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the Agreement or termination of the Agreement or both and Contractor may be ineligible for award of any future State agreements if the department determines that any of the following has occurred: the Contractor has made false certification, or violated the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above. (Gov. Code §8350 et seq.)

3. **NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD CERTIFICATION:** Contractor certifies that no more than one (1) final unappealable finding of contempt of court by a Federal court has been issued against Contractor within the immediately preceding two-year period because of Contractor's failure to comply with an order of a Federal court, which orders Contractor to comply with an order of the National Labor Relations Board. (Pub. Contract Code §10296) (Not applicable to public entities.)

4. CONTRACTS FOR LEGAL SERVICES \$50,000 OR MORE- PRO BONO REQUIREMENT: Contractor hereby certifies that contractor will comply with the requirements of Section 6072 of the Business and Professions Code, effective January 1, 2003.

Contractor agrees to make a good faith effort to provide a minimum number of hours of pro bono legal services during each year of the contract equal to the lessor of 30 multiplied by the number of full time attorneys in the firm's offices in the State, with the number of hours prorated on an actual day basis for any contract period of less than a full year or 10% of its contract with the State.

Failure to make a good faith effort may be cause for non-renewal of a state contract for legal services, and may be taken into account when determining the award of future contracts with the State for legal services.

5. EXPATRIATE CORPORATIONS: Contractor hereby declares that it is not an expatriate corporation or subsidiary of an expatriate corporation within the meaning of Public Contract Code Section 10286 and 10286.1, and is eligible to contract with the State of California.

6. SWEATFREE CODE OF CONDUCT:

a. All Contractors contracting for the procurement or laundering of apparel, garments or corresponding accessories, or the procurement of equipment, materials, or supplies, other than procurement related to a public works contract, declare under penalty of perjury that no apparel, garments or corresponding accessories, equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the state pursuant to the contract have been laundered or produced in whole or in part by sweatshop labor, forced labor, convict labor, indentured labor under penal sanction, abusive forms of child labor or exploitation of children in sweatshop labor, or with the benefit of sweatshop labor, forced labor, convict labor, indentured labor under penal sanction, abusive forms of child labor or exploitation of children in sweatshop labor. The contractor further declares under penalty of perjury that they adhere to the Sweatfree Code of Conduct as set forth on the California Department of Industrial Relations website located at www.dir.ca.gov, and Public Contract Code Section 6108.

b. The contractor agrees to cooperate fully in providing reasonable access to the contractor's records, documents, agents or employees, or premises if reasonably required by authorized officials of the contracting agency, the Department of Industrial Relations, or the Department of Justice to determine the contractor's compliance with the requirements under paragraph (a).

7. DOMESTIC PARTNERS: For contracts over \$100,000 executed or amended after January 1, 2007, the contractor certifies that contractor is in compliance with Public Contract Code section 10295.3.

DOING BUSINESS WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The following laws apply to persons or entities doing business with the State of California.

1. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Contractor needs to be aware of the following provisions regarding current or former state employees. If Contractor has any questions on the status of any person rendering services or involved with the Agreement, the awarding agency must be contacted immediately for clarification.

Current State Employees (Pub. Contract Code §11410):

1). No officer or employee shall engage in any employment, activity or enterprise from which the officer or employee receives compensation or has a financial interest and which is sponsored or funded by any state agency, unless the employment, activity or enterprise is required as a condition of regular state employment.

2). No officer or employee shall contract on his or her own behalf as an independent contractor with any state agency to provide goods or services.

Former State Employees (Pub. Contract Code §11411):

1). For the two-year period from the date he or she left state employment, no former state officer or employee may enter into a contract in which he or she engaged in any of the negotiations, transactions,

planning, arrangements or any part of the decision-making process relevant to the contract while employed in any capacity by any state agency.

2). For the twelve-month period from the date he or she left state employment, no former state officer or employee may enter into a contract with any state agency if he or she was employed by that state agency in a policy-making position in the same general subject area as the proposed contract within the 12-month period prior to his or her leaving state service.

If Contractor violates any provisions of above paragraphs, such action by Contractor shall render this Agreement void. (Pub. Contract Code §11420)

Members of boards and commissions are exempt from this section if they do not receive payment other than payment of each meeting of the board or commission, payment for preparatory time and payment for per diem. (Pub. Contract Code §11430 (e))

2. LABOR CODE/WORKERS' COMPENSATION: Contractor needs to be aware of the provisions which require every employer to be insured against liability for Worker's Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions, and Contractor affirms to comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this Agreement. (Labor Code Section 3700)

3. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: Contractor assures the State that it complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant to the ADA. (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.)

4. CONTRACTOR NAME CHANGE: An amendment is required to change the Contractor's name as listed on this Agreement. Upon receipt of legal documentation of the name change the State will process the amendment. Payment of invoices presented with a new name cannot be paid prior to approval of said amendment.

5. CORPORATE QUALIFICATIONS TO DO BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA:

a. When agreements are to be performed in the state by corporations, the contracting agencies will be verifying that the contractor is currently qualified to do business in California in order to ensure that all obligations due to the state are fulfilled.

b. "Doing business" is defined in R&TC Section 23101 as actively engaging in any transaction for the purpose of financial or pecuniary gain or profit. Although there are some statutory exceptions to taxation, rarely will a corporate contractor performing within the state not be subject to the franchise tax.

c. Both domestic and foreign corporations (those incorporated outside of California) must be in good standing in order to be qualified to do business in California. Agencies will determine whether a corporation is in good standing by calling the Office of the Secretary of State.

6. RESOLUTION: A county, city, district, or other local public body must provide the State with a copy of a resolution, order, motion, or ordinance of the local governing body which by law has authority to enter into an agreement, authorizing execution of the agreement.

7. AIR OR WATER POLLUTION VIOLATION: Under the State laws, the Contractor shall not be: (1) in violation of any order or resolution not subject to review promulgated by the State Air Resources Board or an air pollution control district; (2) subject to cease and desist order not subject to review issued pursuant to Section 13301 of the Water Code for violation of waste discharge requirements or discharge prohibitions; or (3) finally determined to be in violation of provisions of federal law relating to air or water pollution.

8. PAYEE DATA RECORD FORM STD. 204: This form must be completed by all contractors that are not another state agency or other governmental entity.

ATTACHMENT 8

DARFUR CONTRACTING ACT CERTIFICATION FORM

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 10478, if a bidder or proposer currently or within the previous three years has had business activities or other operations outside of the United States, it must certify that it is not a "scrutinized" company as defined in Public Contract Code section 10476.

Therefore, to be eligible to submit a bid or proposal, please insert your company name and Federal ID Number and complete only one of the following three paragraphs (via initials for Paragraph # 1 or Paragraph # 2, or via initials and certification for Paragraph # 3):

<i>Company/Vendor Name (Printed)</i>	<i>Federal ID Number</i>
<i>Printed Name and Title of Person Initialing (for Options 1 or 2)</i>	

1. _____
Initials We do not currently have, or we have not had within the previous three years, business activities or other operations outside of the United States.

OR

2. _____
Initials We are a scrutinized company as defined in Public Contract Code section 10476, but we have received written permission from the Department of General Services (DGS) to submit a bid or proposal pursuant to Public Contract Code section 10477(b). A copy of the written permission from DGS is included with our bid or proposal.

OR

3. _____
Initials
+ certification We currently have, or we have had within the previous three years, business activities or other operations outside of the United States, but we certify below that we are not a scrutinized company as defined in Public Contract Code section 10476.
below

CERTIFICATION For # 3.

I, the official named below, CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY that I am duly authorized to legally bind the prospective proposer/bidder to the clause listed above in # 3. This certification is made under the laws of the State of California.

<i>By (Authorized Signature)</i>	
<i>Printed Name and Title of Person Signing</i>	
<i>Date Executed</i>	<i>Executed in the County and State of</i>

ATTACHMENTS 9, 10 & 11

PREFERENCE PROGRAMS (IF APPLICABLE)

Attach proof in claiming Small Business or Microbusiness Preference, Non-Small Business Preference, or Target Area Contract Preference Act Program, if applicable.

Small Business or Microbusiness Preference

<http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS.aspx>

Non-Small Business Preference

<http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS.aspx>

Target Area Contract Preference Act (TACPA) Program

www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/DisputeResolution.aspx

ATTACHMENT 12

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FORM ADV (PART 1 AND PART 2)
OR
PROOF OF EXEMPTION

Bidder must be a registered investment advisor or exempt from registration. Bidder must attach its Form ADV (Part 1 and 2) as currently on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission or it must provide Proof of Exemption from Registration.

ATTACHMENT 13: BIDDER DECLARATION (GSPD-05-105) FORM

State of California—Department of General Services, Procurement Division
GSPD-05-105 (REV 08/09)

Solicitation Number _____

BIDDER DECLARATION

1. Prime bidder information (Review attached Bidder Declaration Instructions prior to completion of this form):

- a. Identify current California certification(s) (MB, SB, NVSA, DVBE):** _____ **or None** ____ (If "None," go to Item #2)
- b. Will subcontractors be used for this contract? Yes ____ No ____** (If yes, indicate the distinct element of work your firm will perform in this contract e.g., list the proposed products produced by your firm, state if your firm owns the transportation vehicles that will deliver the products to the State, identify which solicited services your firm will perform, etc.). Use additional sheets, as necessary.

- c. If you are a California certified DVBE:**
- (1) Are you a broker or agent? **Yes ____ No ____**
- (2) If the contract includes equipment rental, does your company own at least 51% of the equipment provided in this contract (quantity and value)? **Yes ____ No ____ N/A ____**

2. If no subcontractors will be used, skip to certification below. Otherwise, list all subcontractors for this contract. (Attach additional pages if necessary):

Subcontractor Name, Contact Person, Phone Number & Fax Number	Subcontractor Address & Email Address	CA Certification (MB, SB, NVSA, DVBE or None)	Work performed or goods provided for this contract	Corresponding % of bid price	Good Standing?	51% Rental?

CERTIFICATION: By signing the bid response, I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct.

Page ____ of ____

ATTACHMENT 13: BIDDER DECLARATION (GSPD-05-105) FORM

State of California—Department of General Services, Procurement Division
GSPD-05-105 (REV 08/09) Instructions

BIDDER DECLARATION Instructions

All prime bidders (the firm submitting the bid) must complete the Bidder Declaration.

- 1.a.** Identify all current certifications issued by the State of California. If the prime bidder has no California certification(s), check the line labeled “None” and proceed to Item #2. If the prime bidder possesses one or more of the following certifications, enter the applicable certification(s) on the line:

- Microbusiness (MB)
- Small Business (SB)
- Nonprofit Veteran Service Agency (NVSA)
- Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE)

- 1.b.** Mark either “Yes” or “No” to identify whether subcontractors will be used for the contract. If the response is “No,” proceed to Item #1.c. If “Yes,” enter on the line the distinct element of work contained in the contract to be performed or the goods to be provided by the prime bidder. Do not include goods or services to be provided by subcontractors.

Bidders certified as MB, SB, NVSA, and/or DVBE must provide a commercially useful function as defined in Military and Veterans Code Section 999 for DVBEs and Government Code Section 14837(d)(4)(A) for small/microbusinesses.

Bids must propose that certified bidders provide a commercially useful function for the resulting contract or the bid will be deemed non-responsive and rejected by the State. For questions regarding the solicitation, contact the procurement official identified in the solicitation.

Note: A subcontractor is any person, firm, corporation, or organization contracting to perform part of the prime’s contract.

- 1.c.** This item is only to be completed by businesses certified by California as a DVBE.

- (1) Declare whether the prime bidder is a broker or agent by marking either “Yes” or “No.” The Military and Veterans Code Section 999.2 (b) defines “broker” or “agent” as a certified DVBE contractor or subcontractor that does not have title, possession, control, and risk of loss of materials, supplies, services, or equipment provided to an awarding department, unless one or more of the disabled veteran owners has at least 51-percent ownership of the quantity and value of the materials, supplies, services, and of each piece of equipment provided under the contract.
- (2) If bidding rental equipment, mark either “Yes” or “No” to identify if the prime bidder owns at least 51% of the equipment provided (quantity and value). If **not** bidding rental equipment, mark “N/A” for “not applicable.”

- 2.** If no subcontractors are proposed, do not complete the table. Read the certification at the bottom of the form and complete “Page ____ of ____” on the form.

If subcontractors will be used, complete the table listing all subcontractors. If necessary, attach additional pages and complete the “Page ____ of ____” accordingly.

2. (continued) Column Labels

Subcontractor Name, Contact Person, Phone Number & Fax Number—List each element for all subcontractors.

Subcontractor Address & Email Address—Enter the address and if available, an Email address.

CA Certification (MB, SB, NVSA, DVBE or None)—If the subcontractor possesses a current State of California certification(s), verify on this website (www.eprocure.pd.dgs.ca.gov).

Work performed or goods provided for this contract—Identify the distinct element of work contained in the contract to be performed or the goods to be provided by each subcontractor. Certified subcontractors must provide a commercially useful function for the contract. (See paragraph 1.b above for code citations regarding the definition of commercially useful function.) If a certified subcontractor is further subcontracting a greater portion of the work or goods provided for the resulting contract than would be expected by normal industry practices, attach a separate sheet of paper explaining the situation.

Corresponding % of bid price—Enter the corresponding percentage of the total bid price for the goods and/or services to be provided by each subcontractor. Do not enter a dollar amount.

Good Standing?—Provide a response for each subcontractor listed. Enter either “Yes” or “No” to indicate that the prime bidder has verified that the subcontractor(s) is in good standing for all of the following:

- Possesses valid license(s) for any license(s) or permits required by the solicitation or by law
- If a corporation, the company is qualified to do business in California and designated by the State of California Secretary of State to be in good standing
- Possesses valid State of California certification(s) if claiming MB, SB, NVSA, and/or DVBE status

51% Rental?—This pertains to the applicability of rental equipment. Based on the following parameters, enter either “N/A” (not applicable), “Yes” or “No” for each subcontractor listed.

Enter “N/A” if the:

- Subcontractor is NOT a DVBE (regardless of whether or not rental equipment is provided by the subcontractor) or
- Subcontractor is NOT providing rental equipment (regardless of whether or not subcontractor is a DVBE)

Enter “Yes” if the subcontractor is a California certified DVBE providing rental equipment and the subcontractor owns at least 51% of the rental equipment (quantity and value) it will be providing for the contract.

Enter “No” if the subcontractor is a California certified DVBE providing rental equipment but the subcontractor does NOT own at least 51% of the rental equipment (quantity and value) it will be providing.

Read the certification at the bottom of the page and complete the “Page ____ of ____” accordingly.

ATTACHMENT 14

CALIFORNIA CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 2010, if a bidder or proposer executes or renews a contract over \$100,000 on or after January 1, 2017, the bidder or proposer hereby certifies compliance with the following:

1. **CALIFORNIA CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS**: For contracts over \$100,000 executed or renewed after January 1, 2017, the contractor certifies compliance with the Unruh Civil Rights Act (Section 51 of the Civil Code) and the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Section 12960 of the Government Code); and
2. **EMPLOYER DISCRIMINATORY POLICIES**: For contracts over \$100,000 executed or renewed after January 1, 2017, if a Contractor has an internal policy against a sovereign nation or peoples recognized by the United States government, the Contractor certifies that such policies are not used in violation of the Unruh Civil Rights Act (Section 51 of the Civil Code) or the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Section 12960 of the Government Code).

CERTIFICATION

<div>I, the official named below, certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.</div> <div>Proposer/Bidder Firm Name (Printed)</div>		<div>Federal ID Number</div>
<div>By (Authorized Signature)</div>		
<div>Printed Name and Title of Person Signing</div>		
<div>Date Executed</div>	<div>Executed in the County and State of</div>	

SAMPLE STANDARD AGREEMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STANDARD AGREEMENT

STD 213 (Rev 06/03)

AGREEMENT NUMBER

ABLE 06-16

REGISTRATION NUMBER

1. This Agreement is entered into between the State Agency and the Contractor named below:

STATE AGENCY'S NAME

ABLE Act Board

CONTRACTOR'S NAME

2. The term of this Agreement is:

3. The maximum amount \$ of this Agreement is:

4. The parties agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the following exhibits which are by this reference made a part of the Agreement.

Exhibit A – Scope of Work

3 pages

Exhibit B – Budget Detail and Payment Provisions

1 page

Attachment B-1 – Contractor's Cost Proposal

Exhibit C* – General Terms and Conditions

GTC-610

Check mark one item below as Exhibit D:



Exhibit – D Special Terms and Conditions (Attached hereto as part of this agreement)

7 pages



Exhibit – D* Special Terms and Conditions

Attachment D-1 – Resumes

RFP ABLE 06-16 and Contractor's response thereto are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this agreement.

Items shown with an Asterisk (*), are hereby incorporated by reference and made part of this agreement as if attached hereto. These documents can be viewed at <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/ols/Resources/StandardContractLanguage.aspx>

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto.

CONTRACTOR

CONTRACTOR'S NAME (if other than an individual, state whether a corporation, partnership, etc.)

BY (Authorized Signature)



DATE SIGNED (Do not type)

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING

ADDRESS

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

AGENCY NAME

BY (Authorized Signature)



DATE SIGNED (Do not type)

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING

ADDRESS

**California Department of General
Services Use Only**

☐ Exempt per:

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SCOPE OF WORK

1) Purpose of Service

The California Achieving a Better Life Experience Board ("CalABLE", "ABLE Act Board", "Board", or the "State") is the state entity that is responsible for effective and efficient administration of the California Achieving a Better Life Experience Act Trust (Trust). The Trust was created through state legislation in 2015 (Chapter 774, Statute of 2015) and is a qualified State Achieving a Better Life Experience Act program as defined in Section 529A of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Contractor will provide CalABLE with investment consulting services in connection with CalABLE's responsibility to adopt an investment policy for the Trust. The Contractor will also assist CalABLE in reviewing responses for the CalABLE program manager request for proposal; and once that program manager is in contract with the Board, the Contractor will monitor the performance of the program manager.

2) Description of Service

The following scope of work details the Board's expectations for the Contractor. These investment consultant services include the following:

- Under the direction of the Board or its designee, analyze and evaluate asset allocation plans for the Trust based on the expected use of accounts by eligible beneficiaries as well as risk reduction.
- Create and regularly review an investment policy statement and monitoring procedures.
- Participate in the development of the program administrator and investment manager ("program manager") request for proposals, and assist the Board with evaluation of the proposals. The Board expects to issue the program manager request for proposals in late February 2017, with a contract term start date of May 2017.
- Advise the Board or its designee on which data should be reported quarterly by the program and/or investment manager(s).
- Review and analyze the investment performance of the program and/or investment manager(s) of the Trust using criteria adopted by the Board. Periodically, there may be additional evaluations comparing Program investment performance and fees to the performance of national and/or other state 529A plans.
- Conduct monthly monitoring and provide quarterly evaluations of the Trust that compare monthly investment results to appropriate indices and Board policies, including compliance by the program manager(s) to these policies, and provide evaluations to the Board or its designee within 10 business days of receiving the data from the program manager(s).
- Provide assistance to the Board in understanding various investment vehicles and the investment market generally. This may include providing training seminars to the Board and its staff, as necessary, on rates of return, investment products, strategies or other fundamental concepts of investing.
- Inform the Board or its designee in the event of significant changes in the investment climate or market conditions that could affect Trust investments.

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- Provide general advice, counsel, and recommendations on a variety of investment related matters regarding the Trust including investment personnel, investment strategy, investment portfolio addition or division, as well as overall investment health of the program and/or investment manager(s), other 529A vendors, and 529A industry issues and trends.
 - Work with the Board's consultants and program and/or investment manager(s) as needed.
 - Attend or otherwise participate in all Board meetings unless notified otherwise by the Board. It is anticipated that the Board will meet approximately once every month.
 - Be available to consult with Board members and the Executive Director from 8am to 5pm Pacific Time, Monday through Friday.
 - Respond to the need for telephone consultation within a 24-hour period and be available for meetings with the Board with no greater than 10 days' notice.
- 3) The services shall be performed at the offices of the Contractor and at the offices of appropriate affiliates, related entities, subsidiaries and subcontractors; however there will be some mandatory meetings at 915 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, California 95814 or other location in Sacramento, California.
- 4) Contractor shall ensure that the quality and availability of its personnel assigned to this agreement will be maintained over the term of the agreement. Any changes in assigned personnel are at the discretion of the firm, provided that any replacements have substantially the same as or better qualifications and experience than the original personnel.
- 5) The performance of the Contractor will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined below.
- Responsiveness and timeliness in responding to inquiries made by CalABLE (members, Executive Director, and staff).
 - Availability to CalABLE for conference calls and board meetings, as needed.
 - Quality, completeness and timeliness in providing reports, memos, analyses and recommendations to CalABLE for review and consideration.
 - Quality and accuracy of information, data and support included in all product submitted to CalABLE.
 - Ability to provide CalABLE with, or direct CalABLE, to appropriate resources for information.
 - Ability to provide CalABLE with up-to-date information on industry standards, changes in the law and state comparisons.
 - Availability of resources to adequately perform on contract requirements (staff, consultants, etc.).
 - Demonstrates working relationships with industry peers and organizations.
 - Demonstrates the ability to provide day-to-day management of tasks, coordination of support and administrative activities, and supervision of all Contractor employees.
 - Possesses the technical and functional skills, and knowledge to direct all aspects of the contract.

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- 6) The project representatives during the term of this agreement will be:

State Agency: California Achieving a Better Life Experience Board	Contractor:
Name: Christina Elliott	Name:
Phone: 916-653-4046	Phone:
Fax: 916-589-2860	Fax:

- 7) Distribution/Ownership/Confidentiality of Data

The distribution of all data produced by the Contractor is restricted to CalABLE. This data becomes property of CalABLE, and CalABLE reserves exclusive rights to its further dissemination. In addition, Contractor shall keep confidential any information which identifies, or may identify, CalABLE account holders.

- 8) Conflict of Interest

Contractor may not currently or during the term of this agreement have a contractual or other business relationship with any investment management services contractor that provides services for the Trust or any investment manager directing funds in the CalABLE portfolio, either on its own or in partnership, with other entities. The Contractor shall notify CalABLE immediately in the event that such a relationship begins. Should the Contractor begin such a relationship, the agreement may be terminated immediately by CalABLE on the ground of conflict of interest and any payments made subsequent to the creation of the conflict shall be disgorged by the contract. Also, the Contractor may continue to perform and receive payment under this agreement only if CalABLE executes a written waiver of conflict, which waiver may not be given retroactive effect.

This section applies to any subcontractors the Contractor may utilize for this agreement. Ownership of a CalABLE account does not constitute a business relationship for the purposes of this article.

- 9) Agreement Extension

CalABLE shall have the option at its sole discretion to extend this agreement for up to one year. The Contractor will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined in Section 5 of this Exhibit A to determine the quality of work and if renewal of the agreement is warranted. The amendment to extend the agreement for up to one year will be subject to the approval of CalABLE and the Department of General Services.

If the agreement is extended for up to one year, all rates shall remain the same as provided in Exhibit B and Attachment B-1. Travel costs for a one year extension are capped at \$10,000.

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BUDGET DETAIL AND PAYMENT PROVISIONS

1. Invoicing and Payment

- A. For services satisfactorily rendered, and upon receipt and approval of the invoices, the State agrees to compensate the Contractor for actual expenditures incurred in accordance with the rates specified herein, which is attached hereto as Attachment B-1 and made part of this agreement. Travel costs are capped at \$10,000 per year. The rates for necessary traveling expenses and per diem shall be set in accordance with the rates of the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) for comparable classes and no travel outside the State of California shall be reimbursed unless prior written authorization is obtained from CalABLE.
- B. Invoices shall include the Agreement Number and shall be submitted in triplicate not more frequently than monthly in arrears to:

ABLE Act Board
915 Capitol Mall, Room 101
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attention: Christina Elliott

In consideration for the satisfactory completion of the services described herein, CalABLE agrees to pay Contractor, in arrears, upon receipt of an invoice, for services rendered under this Agreement. The invoice shall be submitted by Contractor in sufficient scope and detail to define the actual work performed and specific milestones completed, including a description of the activities of Contractor and subcontractors and the hours allocated to those activities. The hourly rate for services rendered shall not exceed those as set forth herein or as attached hereto.

2. Budget Contingency Clause

- A. It is mutually agreed that if the Budget Act of the current year and/or any subsequent years covered under this Agreement does not appropriate sufficient funds for the program, this Agreement shall be of no further force and effect. In this event, the State shall have no liability to pay any funds whatsoever to Contractor or to furnish any other considerations under this Agreement and Contractor shall not be obligated to perform any provisions of this Agreement.
- B. If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act for purposes of this program, the State shall have the option to either cancel this Agreement with no liability occurring to the State, or offer an agreement amendment to Contractor to reflect the reduced amount.

3. Prompt Payment Clause

Payment will be made in accordance with, and within the time specified in, Government Code Chapter 4.5, commencing with Section 927.

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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Exhibit C to this Agreement, the General Terms and Conditions (GTC-610), is hereby incorporated by reference and made part of this agreement as if attached hereto. The General Terms and Conditions can be viewed at:

<http://www.dgs.ca.gov/ols/Resources/StandardContractLanguage.aspx>.

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SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Excise Tax

The State of California is exempt from federal excise taxes, and no payment will be made for any taxes levied on employees' wages. The State will pay for any applicable State of California or local sales or use taxes on the services rendered or equipment or parts supplied pursuant to this Agreement. California may pay any applicable sales and use tax imposed by another state.

2. Settlement of Disputes

In the event of a dispute, Contractor shall file a "Notice of Dispute" with a Deputy Treasurer of the State Treasurer's Office within ten (10) days of discovery of the problem. Within ten (10) days, the Deputy Treasurer shall meet with the representatives of Contractor and the State identified in Section 6 of Exhibit A for purposes of resolving the dispute. The decision of the Deputy Treasurer shall be final.

In the event of a dispute, the language contained within this Agreement shall prevail over any other language including that of any bid proposal.

3. Evaluation of Contractor

Pursuant to Public Contract Code sections 10367 and 10369 within sixty (60) days after the completion of this Agreement, the State shall complete a written evaluation of Contractor's performance under this Agreement. If this Agreement is a contract for consultant services and if Contractor did not satisfactorily perform the work, a copy of the evaluation will be sent to the Department of General Services (DGS), Office of Legal Services, and to the Contractor within fifteen (15) working days of the completion of the evaluation in accordance with Public Contract Code section 10371.

4. No Agency Liability

The Contractor warrants by execution of this Agreement that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement upon agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, the State shall, in addition to other remedies provided by law, have the right to annul this Agreement without liability, paying only for the value of the work actually performed, or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

5. Potential Subcontractors

Nothing contained in this Agreement or otherwise, shall create any contractual relationship between the State and any subcontractors, and no subcontract shall relieve the Contractor of his responsibilities and obligations hereunder. The Contractor agrees to be as fully responsible to the State for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by any of them as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by the Contractor. The Contractor's obligation to pay its subcontractors is an independent obligation from the obligation of the State to make payments to the Contractor. As

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a result, the State shall have no obligation to pay or to enforce the payment of any moneys to any subcontractor.

6. Force Majeure

Neither party to this Agreement shall be liable for damages resulting from delayed or defective performance when such delays arise out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the offending party. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to, acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the State in its sovereign capacity, fires, floods, power failure, disabling strikes, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, and freight embargoes.

7. Waivers

No delay on the part of any party in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any waiver on the part of any party of any right, power or privilege hereunder, nor any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder, preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege hereunder.

8. Incorporation of Amendments to Applicable Laws

Any references to sections of federal or state statutes or regulations shall be deemed to include a reference to any amendments thereof and any successor provisions thereto.

9. Confidentiality

All financial, statistical, personal, technical and other data and information relating to the operations of the State which are designated confidential by the State and become available to Contractor shall be protected by Contractor from unauthorized use and disclosure.

10. Titles/Section Headings

Titles and headings are for convenience of reference only, and shall have no effect on the construction or legal effect of this Agreement.

11. Choice of Law

Notwithstanding Paragraph 14 of Exhibit C (General Terms and Conditions), this Agreement shall be administered, construed, and enforced according to the laws of the State of California (without regard to any conflict of laws provisions) to the extent such laws have not been preempted by applicable federal law. Any suit brought hereunder, including any action to compel arbitration or to enforce any award or judgment rendered thereby, shall be brought in state court sitting in Sacramento, California, the parties hereby waiving any claim or defense that such forum is not convenient or proper. Each party agrees that any such court shall have in personam jurisdiction over it and consents to service of process in any manner authorized by California law.

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12. Notices

The parties agree that to avoid unreasonable delay in the progress of the services performed hereunder, Contractor and the State have designated in Section 6 of Exhibit A specific staff representatives for the purpose of communication between the parties. Any notice or other written communication required or which may be given hereunder shall be deemed given when delivered personally, or by mail three (3) days after the date of mailing, unless by express mail then upon the date of confirmed receipt, to the representatives named in Section 6 of Exhibit A.

Either party hereto may, from time to time by notice in writing served upon the other as aforesaid, designate a different mailing address or a different or additional person to which all such notices or demands thereafter are to be addressed.

13. Permits and Licenses

Contractor shall carry out its duties and responsibilities herein in accordance with, be limited in the exercise of its rights by, and observe and comply with, all federal, state, city and county laws, rules or regulations affecting services under this Agreement. Contractor shall procure and keep in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement all permits and licenses necessary to accomplish the work contemplated in this Agreement.

14. Books and Records

Contractor shall keep accurate books and records connected with the performance of this Agreement for a period of at least three (3) years. Contractor shall ensure that books and records of subcontractors, suppliers, and other providers shall also be accurately maintained. Such books and records shall be kept in a secure location and shall be available for inspection and copying by the State and its representatives at any time.

15. Key Personnel

- a. A resume for each member of Contractor's staff who will exercise a significant administrative, policy, or consulting role under this Agreement is attached to this Agreement as Attachment D-1. These members of Contractor's staff shall be hereafter referred to (both individually and collectively) as "Key Personnel."
- b. Contractor shall not substitute, replace or reassign Key Personnel without the prior approval of the State and an amendment to this Agreement.
- c. This Agreement may be terminated immediately, in the sole discretion of the State and upon written notice from the State to Contractor, because of any change in or departure of any of the Key Personnel.

16. Changes in Control, Organization or Key Personnel

Contractor shall promptly, and in any case within five (5) days, notify the State in writing: (i) if any of Contractor's representations and warranties, as set forth in this Agreement, cease to be true at any time during the term of this Agreement; (ii) of any change in Contractor's staff who exercises a significant administrative, policy, or consulting role under this Agreement, including without limitation any Key Personnel; (iii) of any change in the majority ownership, control, or

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business structure of Contractor; or (iv) of any other material change in Contractor's business, partnership or corporate organization. All written notices from Contractor under this provision shall contain sufficient information to permit the State to evaluate the changes within Contractor's staff or organization under the same criteria as was used by the State in its award of this Agreement to Contractor.

17. Insurance Requirements

Contractor warrants that it carries adequate liability, worker's compensation and other necessary insurance and shall maintain such insurance at levels acceptable to the State in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement. Contractor agrees to furnish satisfactory evidence of this insurance coverage to the State upon request.

18. Subcontractors

- a. Contractor shall perform the work contemplated by this Agreement with resources available within its own organization except for subcontracted work identified in this Agreement or other attachment incorporated hereto. No other portion of the work pertinent to this Agreement shall be subcontracted without written authorization by the State. The subcontractor must be mutually agreed upon in advance by both parties.
- b. Contractor shall require that any subcontractor agree to be bound by all provisions of this Agreement, as applicable.

19. Notice of Proceedings

Contractor shall promptly notify the State in writing of any investigation, examination or other proceeding involving Contractor, including any Key Personnel, commenced by any regulatory agency, which proceeding is not conducted in the ordinary course of Contractor's business.

20. Cumulative Remedies

The rights and remedies provided herein are cumulative and are not exclusive of any rights or remedies that any party may otherwise have at law or in equity.

21. Binding Effect

This Agreement, any instrument or agreement executed pursuant to this Agreement, and the rights, covenants, conditions and obligations of Contractor and the State contained therein, shall be binding upon the parties and their successors, assigns and legal representatives.

22. Publicity

No publicity release or announcement concerning this Agreement or the transactions contemplated herein shall be issued by Contractor without advance written approval by the State.

23. Services or Procurement Resulting from Agreement

Neither Contractor, nor any of its subsidiaries, officers or directors, may submit a bid or be awarded a contract for the provision of services, procurement of goods or supplies, or any other

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related action which is required, suggested, or otherwise deemed to be an outgrowth of the advice or recommendations that Contractor provides under this Agreement.

24. Agreement Does Not Violate Law

Contractor represents and warrants that neither the execution of this Agreement nor the acts contemplated hereby nor compliance by Contractor with any provisions hereof will:

- a. Violate any provision of the charter documents of Contractor;
- b. Violate any statute or law or ordinance or any judgment, decree, order, regulation or rule of any court or governmental authority applicable to Contractor; or
- c. Violate, or be in conflict with, or constitute a default under, or permit the termination of, or require the consent of any person under, any agreement to which Contractor may be bound, the violation of which in the aggregate would have a material adverse effect on the properties, business, prospects, earnings, assets, liabilities or condition (financial or otherwise) of Contractor.

25. Power and Authority

Contractor represents and warrants that it has the power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to carry out its obligations hereunder. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by Contractor and no other proceeding on the part of Contractor is necessary to authorize this Agreement. Contractor has completed, obtained and performed all registrations, filings, approvals, authorizations, consents or examinations required by any government or governmental authority for its acts contemplated by this Agreement.

26. Signature Authorization

The person signing this Agreement warrants that he/she is an agent of Contractor and is duly authorized to enter into this Agreement on behalf of Contractor.

27. Entire Agreement; Order of Precedence

- a. This Agreement, including documents that have been incorporated in this Agreement by reference, contains all representations and the entire understanding between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof. Any prior correspondence, memoranda or agreements are replaced in total by this Agreement.
- b. In the event there are any inconsistencies or ambiguities among the terms of this Agreement and incorporated documents, the following order of precedence shall be used: (i) applicable laws; (ii) the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including exhibits and attachments; (iii) the Request for Proposal (RFP) if any; (iv) Contractor's response to the RFP if any; and (v) any other provisions, terms, or materials incorporated herein.

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28. Termination at Option of the State

In addition to the provisions of Paragraph 7 of Exhibit C (General Terms and Conditions), this Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part at any time upon 30 calendar days' written notice by the State, for any reason. Upon receipt of a termination notice, Contractor shall promptly discontinue all services affected unless the notice specifies otherwise. In the event the State terminates all or a portion of this Agreement for any reason, it is understood that the State will provide payment to Contractor for satisfactory services rendered prior to the termination, but not in excess of the maximum amount of this Agreement.

29. Termination for Insolvency

Contractor shall notify the State immediately in writing in the event that Contractor files any federal bankruptcy action or state receivership action, any federal bankruptcy or state receivership action is commenced against Contractor, Contractor is adjudged bankrupt, or a receiver is appointed and qualifies. In the event of any of the foregoing events, or if the State determines, based on reliable information, that there is a substantial probability that Contractor will be financially unable to continue performance under this Agreement, the State may terminate this Agreement and all further rights and obligations immediately.

30. Completion

In the event of termination for default, the State reserves the right to take over and complete the work by contract or other means. In such case, Contractor will be liable to the State for any additional cost incurred by the State to complete the work whether reimbursed or not.

31. Effect of Termination

All duties and obligations of the State and Contractor shall cease upon termination of this Agreement, except that:

- a. Each party shall remain liable for any rights, obligations, or liabilities arising from activities carried on by it under this Agreement prior to the effective date of termination; and
- b. Contractor shall provide for the return of all records of the State to the State or its designee and shall cooperate fully to effect an orderly transfer of services.

32. Termination for Expatriation

Contractor shall notify the State immediately in writing in the event that Contractor or its parent files any notice with the Securities and Exchange Commission that Contractor intends to reincorporate offshore. In the event of such notice, the State may terminate this Agreement and all further rights and obligations immediately by giving five (5) days' notice in writing in the manner specified herein.

33. Compliance With Political Reform Act

Contractor acknowledges that the State is subject to the provisions of the Political Reform Act (Government Code section 81000 et seq. and all regulations adopted thereunder, including, but not limited to, California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 18700 et. seq.)

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and Contractor shall comply promptly with any requirement thereunder. If required by law, Contractor shall require its personnel, including without limitation, its Key Personnel all later substitutions therefore, to file Statements of Economic Interests in compliance with the Conflict of Interest Code for the Office of the State Treasurer and the various boards, authorities, commissions, and committees chaired by the State Treasurer (California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1897). All such reports shall be filed simultaneously with the State.

34. Darfur Contracting Act

Effective January 1, 2009, all Invitations for Bids (IFB) or Requests for Proposals (RFP) for goods or services must address the requirements of the Darfur Contracting Act of 2008 (Act). (Public Contract Code section 11475 et seq.) The Act was passed by the California Legislature and signed into law by the Governor to preclude State agencies generally from contracting with "scrutinized" companies that do business in the African nation of Sudan of which the Darfur region is a part, for the reasons described in Public Contract Code section 11475.

A scrutinized company is a company doing business in Sudan as defined in Public Contract Code section 11476. Scrutinized companies are ineligible to, and cannot, bid on or submit a proposal for a contract with a State agency for goods or services. (Public Contract Code section 11477(a).)

Therefore, Public Contract Code section 11478(a) requires a company that currently has (or within the previous three years has had) business activities or other operations outside of the United States to certify that it is not a "scrutinized" company when it submits a bid or proposal to a State agency. A scrutinized company may still, however, submit a bid or proposal for a contract with a State agency for goods or services if the company first obtains permission from DGS according to the criteria set forth in Public Contract Code section 11477(b).